

**CHAPTER NO. 123**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3602**

**By Representative Fowlkes**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3511**

**By Senator Jackson**

AN ACT relative to transferring duties of the Probate Court in Giles County to the Chancery Court.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Chancery Court for Giles County is hereby designated Probate Court of Giles County. The Clerk and Master for Giles County is hereby granted all statutory powers when Chancery Court is exercising probate jurisdiction. Effective July 1, 2004, the books, records, accounts, papers and documents pertaining to probate matters shall be filed with the Clerk and Master who shall have and perform the statutory functions with respect to probate jurisdiction from that date forward.

The General Sessions Court shall retain probate jurisdiction over all probate matters pending in that court on June 30, 2004, until their conclusion.

SECTION 2. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby deleted in their entirety.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Giles County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective on July 1, 2004, provided that it is approved as required by Section 3.

**PASSED: May 13, 2004**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR